Indulgences Granted For the Faithful Departed

Unique conditions of 2025

1. Beginning on, November 2nd, at noon and continuing to Midnight, November, 3rd, the Catholic Faithful, as often as they visit a Church to pray for the death, reciting 6 times during the visit the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intentions of Holy Mother the Church, may gain:
   - A Plenary Indulgence applicable only to the souls in purgatory. – This indulgence may also be gained from noon of the following Saturday until Sunday Midnight, but only those who did not gain the indulgence on All Souls' Day.[1]

   Raccolta #590

2. The Faithful who during the period of 8 days from the commemoration of all souls inclusive, visit a cemetery in a spirit of piety and devotion and pray, even mentally for the death may gain:
   - A Plenary Indulgence on the usual conditions on each day of the octave, applicable only to the faithful departed. [2]
3. Those souls who make such a visit, and pray for the holy Souls, on any day of the year, may gain:
   - An Indulgence of 7 years, applicable only to the faithful departed.

   Raccolta #592

4. The faithful who recite prayers or perform other devout exercises in supplication for the faithful departed during the month of November, may gain:
   - An Indulgence of 3 years, once each day; A Plenary Indulgence on the usual conditions, at the end of their 7 or 9 days of prayer.

   Raccolta #589
5. Those who during the afore said month, take part in public services held in a church or public oratory in intercession for the faithful departed may gain:
   - An Indulgence of 7 years, on each day of the month; A plenary Indulgence, if they attend these exercises on at least 15 days, and in addition go to confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of Holy Mother the Church

   Raccolta #589
6. The Faithful who devoutly offer prayers at any season of the year in intercession for the souls of the Faithful departed, with the intention of so continuing for 7 or 9 successive days may obtain:
   - An Indulgence of 3 years once each day, A Plenary Indulgence on the usual conditions at the end of their 7 or 9 days of prayer.

   Raccolta #588

7. All Masses that are celebrated at any altar by any Priest within the period of 8 days from the commemoration of All Souls Inclusive, enjoy the same privilege as if they were offered in a privileged altar, but only in favor of the soul for whom they are applied.

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The Intentions of the Pope (Or of the Church during the Vacancy) are:

1. The Exaltation of the Church.
2. Extirpation of Heresy.
3. Propagation of the Faith.
4. Conversion of Sinners.
5. Peace and Concord among Christian Rulers.

It is sufficient to have the general intention as above, even if one doesn't know what the specific intentions are.

Conditions for Gaining and Indulgence:

1. Be in the State of Grace.
2. Have the intention to gain the indulgence.
3. Perform the work required. (If vocal prayer is required one must at least move one's lips).

If it is a Plenary Indulgence one must also:

1. Have true Sorrow for all of one's sins.
2. Go to Confession and Receive Holy Communion.
3. Pray One Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the Intentions of Holy Mother the Church. (Unless more is specifically required).
4. Make a Visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

[1] The confession can be made on the day in question or anytime during the week before or after. Holy Communion can be made on the day in question or within the following week or one day before the day in question.

[2] The usual conditions are listed below. Note that for this particular indulgence, it is necessary to also visit a Church and pray at least one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, for the intentions of the Church, one visit per each time one wishes to gain the plenary indulgence.(Reply from the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences (February 29, 1864)